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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Official Action mailed on October 21, 2003, in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Response to the Office Action is due on February 21, 2004.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.

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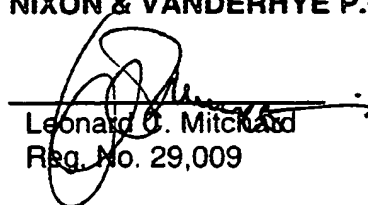
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foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such an action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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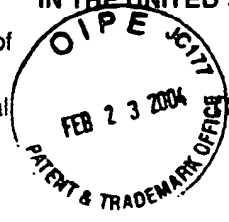


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Sir:

**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.

Fees are attached as calculated below:

Total effective claims after amendment	23	minus highest number			
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Applicant claims "small entity" status.  Statement filed herewith

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